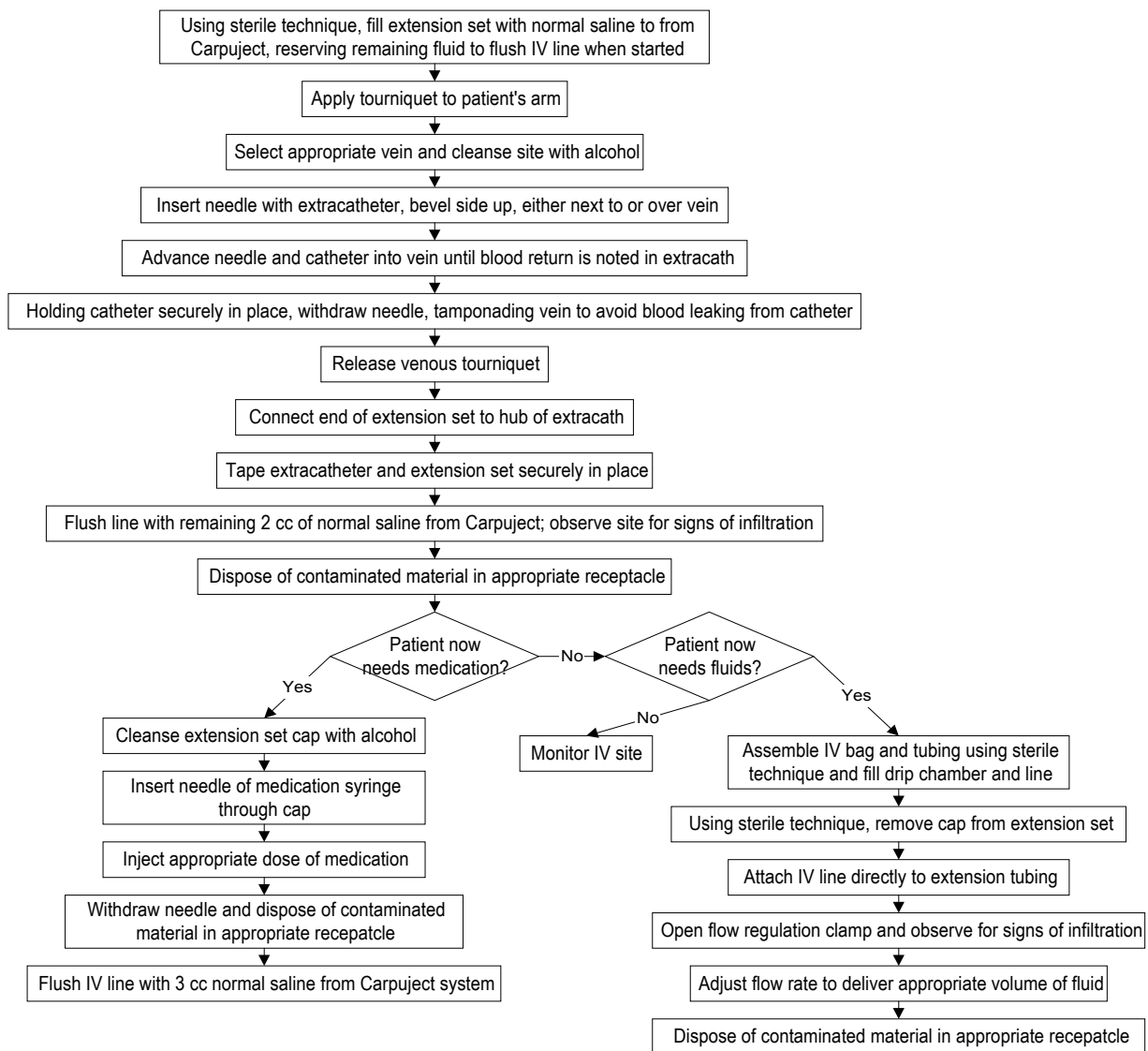


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
CAPPED IV LINES**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To provide for a precautionary intravenous access line in patients who do not currently need fluid replacement or intravenous medication administration		<b>Indications:</b> For a patient who should have IV access available for safety during transport but the patient does not currently need fluid or medication administration	
<b>Advantages:</b> Provides route for administration of fluid for volume replacement Provides route for administration of medication	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Causes pain during insertion	<b>Complications:</b> Infiltration Infection Small clots can form at the end of the catheter and embolize when the line is flushed	<b>Contraindications:</b> Infection in area of the insertion Need for fluid resuscitation



**NOTES:**

- The vein in the umbilical cord and the external jugular veins may not be used as the site for a capped IV.